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Senate Bill 247 (Senator Norman, *et al.*)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Election Law - Certificate of Candidacy as Delegate to a Presidential National
Convention - Place of Filing**

This bill requires a certificate of candidacy for an office of elected delegate to a presidential national convention to be filed with the local board of elections of the applicable county instead of with the State Board of Elections (SBE).

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: Any impact on local government finances is not expected to be material.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A certificate of candidacy for an office of elected delegate to a presidential national convention is filed with SBE. In a presidential election year, a certificate of candidacy must be filed by 9 p.m. on the Wednesday that is 83 days before the day on which the primary election will be held. Delegates and alternate delegates to the national presidential nominating convention of a political party are selected as provided in the national party rules of the party. The State central committee of each political party certifies to SBE, by October 1 in the year preceding the election, specified information regarding the selection of delegates.

Background: During a period prior to the filing deadline for certificates of candidacy, which is February 3, in 2016, the Washington County and Wicomico County boards of

elections are designated as satellite offices of SBE, where candidates for an office of elected delegate to a presidential national convention can file their certificates of candidacy.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): State Board of Elections; Frederick, Montgomery, Washington, and Worcester counties; Department of Legislative Services

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